

Lee Field's Recreation (Vigo Co.)

County Parks Community Affairs File Being Readied Ts MAR 7 1976 Ts MAR 7 1976 For New Season

By CAROLYN TOOPS
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Varied projects are receiving effort and attention from the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department, as work gets underway to prepare several sites for the upcoming season.

Supt. Keith Ruble and Asst. Supt. Chet Burkeybyle prepared a list of "things to do" for the four regular maintenance employees and the eight CETA workers, and as weather conditions permit, the various jobs will be tackled.

Transplanting trees at Fowler Park and at Prairie Creek can be done when the temperature is above 40 degrees. Poplar trees will be put in along the road, and redbud, dogwood and fruit trees around the cabins in the Pioneer Village.

At Prairie Creek Park, trees will be planted in the tent-camping area. Seedlings are scheduled to go in during mid-March.

"Any time" is when mulching at Prairie Creek and Fowler can be done.

The boat launch area at Fowler will get some additional gravel. Also a picnic shelter for 40 to 50 picknickers is being installed at Cherry Island at Fowler.

Seeding of the Fox Burns Horse Trail at Fowler has been done, and plans call for a few picnic tables along the route. This new addition to the park was announced last fall, and is "almost ready for riding," Ruble said.

Camping at Fowler and Prairie Creek will be in full swing in another month or so. A few hardy folks have been doing some weekend camping, Ruble and Burkeybyle said.

Reservations for shelters for family reunions and picnics during the season may be made by calling the County Park Office, Vigo County Courthouse.

Still waiting approval from the State Board of Tax Commissioners on the addition of a log barn to the Pioneer Village at Fowler, Ruble says it will take 10 days to two weeks to dismantle the structure in the St. Bernice area and get it ready to reassemble in its new home.

The County Council approved the fund request at its Feb. 27 call, but the work cannot

proceed until the State Tax Commissioners give their OK too.

Installation of concrete walks and ramps for shelters and restrooms is scheduled for April, along with trenching virgule underground wire under road at Prairie Creek.

A rainy day project at the Fowler Park maintenance shop is construction of two new signs for the Lee Field's Recreation area in West Terre Haute, the site of the former Concannon School, and the "South 7th Street West Terre Haute" playground.

The county park department received title to the Concannon land on payment of \$1 to the Vigo County School Corporation. Extensive bulldozing and leveling are on the schedule, along with some work on the track. Seeding is also planned soon, as well as installation of restrooms and a shelter.

Adventure playground equipment for the two new facilities in the West Terre Haute area is being prefabricated by the Park Department employees in the shop at Fowler. Similar playgrounds at Fowler and Prairie Creek have proved to be very popular.

Swimming at Fowler and Prairie Creek will officially open when local schools are out, Ruble said.

Proposed improvements at Glenn Recreation Center include a fence back of the softball field, resurfacing of the tennis courts and a lease concession stand. Funds will be requested at the next meeting of the County Council, the park superintendent said.

Camping, hiking, picnicking, fishing, swimming, nature trails, horseback, sports activities . . . they can be found at the county parks. Prairie Creek was designed as a "passive" area; at Fowler there's more activity centered around the lake. Prairie Creek had baseball diamonds and a multi-purpose court.

There's no admission charge to the county parks but there is a fee for camping.

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Recreation Program Complete for City

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Plans for the summer recreation program in the city parks are nearly finalized, with two additions to last year's program, according to Michael Reyher, director of recreation for the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Department.

Added new this year to the regular recreation program have been a traveling playground and a basketball program in two parks.

The traveling playground is a van which will transport supplies and people between the five neighborhood parks with organized recreation programs. The van will allow for new, special programs to projects to be carried on in all the participating parks.

The van was recently purchased for \$4,185 with revenue sharing monies appropriated by the City Council.

Projects and activities to be transported between the parks with the traveling playground are arts and crafts, Bobo the Clown, gymnastics, basketball and music and dance.

The organized playground activities are scheduled for a 10-week period between June 7 and Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. At least two leaders will be in each of the five parks to supervise the activities.

The parks scheduled for the recreation activities are Collett, 7th and Maple, Herz-Rose, 1515 Locust St., Sheridan, 2825 Buckeye St., Thompson, 1721 Oak St., and Voorhees, 230 W. Voorhees St.

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Each week has special activities planned with a variety of contests. In most activities, children will be divided for competition as Pee Wees (eight years old and younger), Midgets, (nine to 12 years old), Juniors (13 to 15 years old) and Seniors (16 to 18 years old).

Each of the weeks have been designated as follows: June 7 to June 11 — Get Acquainted Week with marble and washer courts and scavenger hunts; June 14 to June 18 — Marbles Week with a marbles extravaganza and the start of the traveling playground activities; June 21 to June 25 — Frisbee Week with a circle ball tournament and field trip to the Swope Art Gallery; June 28 to July 2 — Bicentennial Week with special bicentennial games supplied by the Historical Society and a jacks tournament; and July 5 to July 9 — Bubble Gum Week with a badminton tournament and a bubble gum blowing contest.

The last five weeks of activities are: July 12 to July 16 — Pitch In Week with pitch-in and clean projects and a horseshoes tournament; July 19 to July 23 — Halloween in July with a Halloween party, a tether ball tournament and a field trip to the Early Wheels Museum; July 26 to July 30 — Physical Fitness Week with the physical fitness test, co-sponsored by the Amateur Athletic Union and Chevrolet, administered and Yo-Yo Week with a checkers tournament and a Yo-Yo contest; and Aug. 9 to Aug. 13 — Superstars Week with superstars activities such as an obstacle course on Play Day, Aug. 11, when children from all parks will meet at Deming

Park and also a nok hockey tournament.

Reyher pointed out all the playgrounds with the organized recreational activities have had several additions over the winter including permanent tether and circle ball courts and volleyball and badminton standards. All parks except Collett have relatively new basketball courts. Playground equipment was added in all of the parks over the last couple of years.

The new basketball program is scheduled for Herz-Rose and Thompson parks from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Two instructors are to be at each park and work will be done on the fundamentals of the game.

Other athletic programs organized by the Park and Recreation Department are tennis and baseball. Tennis will be offered at Collett and Rea parks from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. An instructor on the court will divide the time between organized lesson and general free play. Rackets must be furnished by the students. Baseball will be at Spencer Park, 14th Street and 7th Avenue, Monday to Friday mornings with games beginning at 9:30 a.m. Leagues will be divided by the age groups of five to seven year olds, eight and nine year olds, 10 to 12 year olds and 13 to 15 year olds.

Registration for all of the recreation activities will be during the first week of the programs. The activities are free to any Terre Haute children.

The summer recreation program of the Park and Recreation Department also includes operation of the city swimming pools in Deming, Voorhees and Sheridan parks. The pools will be open from May 30 to Sept. 6 with a change in hours this year. The pools will be open daily from noon to 6 p.m. A pool manager and three life guards will be on duty at Voorhees and Sheridan pools and a manager and four life guards will be on duty at Deming pool daily.

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A NEW VAN — Terre Haute Park Department personnel Friday took time out from their busy schedule to show a new van they recently acquired. Shown from left are, Pat Daugherty, park superintendent; Mike Rhyer, recreation director; William Whalen, director of maintenance and Dick Hanley, assistant recreation director.

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Park Board Awards Project Contracts

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Bids totaling \$82,681 for three projects were awarded Tuesday evening by members of the Terre Haute City Park and Recreation Board.

The projects, according to Patrick Dougherty, park and recreation department superintendent, include:

Playground equipment at the Julius Brittlebank Park, 20th and Grant streets;

Renovation of the clubhouse at Rea Park; Construction of a new entrance road to Rea Park (necessitated by the improvement of the Davis Avenue project).

Dougherty said the lone bidder on the playground equipment for \$24,000 was Creative Playgrounds, Inc., of Terre Haute.

The equipment will include an "adventure playground," consisting of a variety of structures that allow the child to create whatever type of play he wants. Treated wood will be used to build the playground equipment.

The renovation project at the

clubhouse at Rea Park was awarded to Bill Roach for \$51,020. The project includes painting and remodeling inside, tuckpointing the outside of the structure, roof repairs and rebuilding the porch area.

Wabash Valley Asphalt was awarded the bid for the new entrance road. They submitted a bid in the amount of \$7,661.

Dougherty also announced Wednesday the park board members will advertise for bids in the near future for a number of other projects at Brittlebank Park. They include completion of a ball field, construction of a basketball court, a shelter and restroom facilities and installation of a vita course and jogging track.

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